



## *Michelle Seekins*

SUPPORTING A CHILD'S READING mastery is the best part of Michelle Seekins' job as a LAP paraeducator at Dorothy Fox Elementary. Whether it's a kindergarten student who has mastered the concept that certain letters make certain sounds, or a 5th grade student who has increased their reading fluency and gained comprehension, each one represents a special success story to Seekins.

"Working in education is dynamic and always evolving," Seekins said.

During her career Seekins helped organize a "Friendship Room" where students learned about coping strategies to help them navigate childhood's rough waters. Many years later, former students who were in the Friendship Room have approached Seekins to tell how much the experience helped them.

Seekins said one of the best aspects of her job is "the collaboration and sense of community I enjoy with the Fox family. It's one of the reasons my 20 years in the Camas School District has passed so quickly!"

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